

## Local and Personal

### Happenings of Interest

Mrs. Laura Reed was a visitor to Arcadia Tuesday.

Eastern Star meets tomorrow night. A full attendance of members desired.

A full line of staple and fancy groceries at A. P. Hatch's. (adv.)

C. H. Cleveland and G. H. Brantley of Boca Grande, were in the city Thursday.

Mrs. C. E. Sams and infant son, Vernon, left Tuesday morning to return home to Wauchula, after a ten-day's visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shaw, in Solana.

See R. C. Blount for reasonable clothing for men. tf. (adv.)

The sewing circle of Punta Gorda chapter Order of the Eastern Star had a most delightful meeting with Mrs. F. M. Cooper at her home on Taylor street Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Horrell of Arcadia, who has been teaching school at Bowling Green, has been spending the week in this city with her sister, Miss Flora Horrell of the High School faculty.

Just received fine selection gents' diamond cuff links and scarf pins.—G. Hart. tf (adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Killam, with their niece, Miss Ethel Roesler, after enjoying a sojourn in this city since early in the winter, occupying their cottage on Retta Esplanade, left Friday to return to their home in Shelbyville, Ill.

J. H. McQuaid and Geo. Berry of Bermont, and S. F. J. Trabue, Barney O'Toole, J. G. Meyrick and Marion Willis of this city, visited big Salt Springs up the Myakka river Sunday.

Fine home-made candies; also a nice line of chocolates at Smith's Bakery. tf. (adv.)

Mrs. Libby and her sister, Mrs. Danford left Wednesday afternoon for their home in the north. They were favorably impressed with our beautiful Punta Gorda during their sojourn of several months here.

Rev. H. J. Haeflinger of Mulberry, visited Pastor Sistrunk from Saturday morning 'til Sunday morning. He was very much impressed with Punta Gorda and anticipates coming back soon when he will stay longer.

High grade candies, a fine assortment at A. P. Hatch's Corner Grocery. tf. (adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore and daughter, Miss Eleanor Moore, who have been among the sojourners in Punta Gorda since December left Tuesday morning to return to their home in Clarion, Pa. They like Punta Gorda and intend returning here next winter.

The musical at the Presbyterian church, previously announced for Friday night, will be given to-night (Thursday) and it is hoped that it will be largely attended, for the young men's class, which is giving the entertainment is endeavoring to raise funds for a library.

Evening service at the Methodist church was a delightful service. The Epworth League choir had charge of the song service. It is needless to say they did well, for every one who heard them speaks in praise of them. The church was quite full.

Fresh fruits of all kinds in their seasons; a nice line of candies, confections and fancy groceries at R. M. King's tf. (adv.)

After having enjoyed some months cruising along these coasts on their elegant steam yacht Aroostook, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Dean, with their daughter Mrs. Langdon Pearce of Chicago, who was with them here several weeks, left Sunday afternoon to return north. Mr. and Mrs. Dean go to their summer home, Wellesley Farms Mass., and Mrs. Pearce to Chicago.

Fred Sabel, who has the contract to build a nice large school house at LaBelle, which will take him about two months, went from horse and wagon to that point and sends back word that he had a fine trip. Mr. Sabel, it will be remembered, did the brick work on the new Methodist church in this city, which is one of the handsomest structures of the kind in the State.

Send your clothes to Towne's Tampa Steam Laundry and get the best work. Basket leaves R. M. King's store on Tuesday afternoon. tf. (adv.)

**Iron in Water**  
Half a part per million of iron in water is detectable by taste, and more than 4 or 5 parts makes water unpalatable. In some mineral springs iron is the constituent which imparts a medicinal value to the water, but ordinarily it is undesirable. More than 2.5 parts per million in water used for laundering makes a stain on the clothes. Iron must be removed from water from which ice is made, or a cloudy, discolored product will result. An iron content of over 2 or 3 parts per million in water used in the manufacture of paper will stain the paper. Iron is harmful in water used for steaming, for it is in equilibrium with acids which inside the boiler become dissociated, with the result that the free acids corrode the boiler plates; but the amount of iron carried in solution by most waters is so small that the damage it does to steam boilers generally amounts to a little.

Waters having a high iron content have in some places, where they have been used as city supplies, caused an immense amount of trouble and expense, for they favor the growth of Crenothrix to such a degree that the water pipes become clogged with the iron sheaths of that organism. The removal of iron from water is sometimes easy and sometimes very difficult.—Water-Supply Paper 273, U. S. Geological Survey.

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### Buying at Home

Reams have been written and pages have been printed about the duty a man owes to his town to do his buying at home. But it is not merely a duty; selfinterest also demands it. If it were a matter of duty alone it is to be feared that few of us would pay much attention to it. When Phillips Brooks returned one time from abroad a reporter met him at the pier and jocularly asked: Doctor Brooks, did you bring over any new religion that you had to pay duty on?"

"I am not so foolish," replied the quick witted divine, "as to attempt to introduce into America any religion with duties attached to it."

We are not as bad as that, but we are inclined sometimes to neglect public duty and to devote our thought rather to promoting private interest. That is human nature.

But buying at home is not a duty but just good, plain, ordinary common-sense. It means when you pay out money that that money is pretty likely to be employed at home in new stocks, new buildings and enlarged enterprises. It means that eventually some of that money is likely to get back into your own pocket. For you have something to sell as well as the merchant—crops or labor or services or something. The more money that is in circulation among your neighbors, the more likely are they to be able to buy what you have to sell.

The mail-order house is not going to buy your products, whatever they may be. The idea of commerce is the exchange of commodities, the buying and selling to each other, which makes each man in the community a necessity and furnishes each commodity with a demand.

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### How Your State Ranks in Illiteracy

In the United States as a whole, of the native white people of native parentage ten years of age and over, less than four in each 100 (3.7 per cent) are illiterate—unable to read and write. In the Southern states, however, the situation is shamefully different. The following makes the facts clear—Percentage of illiteracy native whites of native parentage: United States 4, Virginia 8, North Carolina 12, South Carolina 10, Georgia 8, Florida 5, Tennessee 10, Alabama 10, Mississippi 5, Arkansas 7, Louisiana 15, Oklahoma 3, Texas 3.—The Progressive Farmer.

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